cerned officers who have allotted DDA property worth crores of rupees in the names of near and dears at throw away prices in connivance of bhoo-mafias;

(c) whether the Government propose to take strict legal action against the officers/employees of DDA who are misusing their good offices and transfer those employees alongwith evaluating their movable/immovable property;

(d) if so, the details therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) DDA has reported that despite wide publicity and protracted correspondence with Banks, Postal Authorities and Chief Medical Officer (CGHS) (Head Quarter) Bank Units No. 1&2, space for Post Office and Dispensary in the shopping complex at Naraina Vihar could not be disposed of. Since DDA could not keep these units undisposed for an indefinite period, these units were, therefore, disposed of through auction after getting their use changed from Banks & Post Office to General shops with the approval of the Competent Authority (Statement Attached). However, shops No. 33 & 34 in the said shopping complex were purchased in the open auction held on 28.5.85 by one auction purchaser. The auction purchaser is using both these shops for lottery counters while these were sold as general shops. Show cause notices have been issued to auction purchaser to explain as to why the allotment of these units should not be cancelled in case the breach is not removed. The matter is being processed for auction as per the terms and conditions of allotment. Since necessary action for breach of the terms and conditions of auction is being taken, question of penalising DDA Officers/employees does not arise.

Statement

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Details of Units auctioned in LSC at Naraina.

Unit No.	Reserve Price	Bid Amount	Date of Auction
Bank Unit-I	Rs. 20,92,100/-	Rs. 21,36,000/-	23.11.93
Bank Unit-II	Rs. 27,81,100/-	Rs. 28,26,000/-	23.11.93
Post Office	Rs. 5,62,000/-	Rs. 6,00,000/-	22.2.94
Dispensary	Rs. 4,18,900/-	Rs. 5,02,000/-	17.12.92

[English]

Prices of Gold and Silver

6179. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) The action proposed to be taken by the Government to stabilise the prices of Gold and Silver in the country vis-a-vis at the international market and to curb Gold smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : The Govt. took action to stabilise prices of Gold and Silver in the country vis-a-vis those in the International market with the introduction of the liberalised scheme for the import of Gold in March, 1992. Under this scheme 5 Kgs. of Gold was permitted to be imported into India by a passenger of Indian origin returning to India after 6 months on payment of customs duty. Subsequently Gold imports on payment of customs duty were also permitted under Speical Import Licenses in April, 1994.

The quantity of Gold permitted for import by a passenger of Indian origin under the aforesaid scheme has been increased to 10 Kgs. each with effect from 1.1.97.

Similarly Silver upto 100 Kgs. was permitted for import on payment of customs duty by a passenger of Indian origin returning to India after 6 months with effect from February, 1993 and also under Special Import Licenses with effect from April, 1994.

Apart from above, a continued high alert is maintained by anti-smuggling agencies to detect and prevent smuggling of Gold into the country by surveillance over sensitive areas, targeting of intelligence and use of sophisticated equipment like metal detectors, colour baggage X-ray machines, etc. at ports and airports.

Power Station at Hogenkal and Mekedatu

6180. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Central assistance to the Power Generating Stations at Hogenkal and Mekedatu; and

(b) if so, the funds sought and released for these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.